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1. Four former American minesweepers (about 200 tons) were noted in the Liban harbor area during the fall of 1947. They had been converted to special tank vessels bearing Russian Katyusha rockets.
2. Two experimental vessels were also noted in the area. One was a small craft resembling a tug, and the other, called the "directing ship", was a vessel of 8,000 to 10,000 tons. The larger craft is said to be a former German experimental vessel in wireless and fire direction, capable of handling about 270 orders (including firing orders) directed from the small tug-type vessel. The larger vessel was unusual in appearance. It appeared to have two funnels, but close inspection showed that one was a turret for wireless equipment. Both vessels participated in Russian maneuvers, after which the guns were dismantled at Liban.

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